

SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Matcho is Nursing Forum treasurer**

Donna Matcho, of Dallas, has been voted treasurer of the Luzerne County Community College Nursing Forum for the 2007-08 academic year.

**Madrigal Singers plan choral concert**

The Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers and Chorale will present their annual Christmas Choral Concert at 4 p.m. today, Dec. 2, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Avenue, just north of Kingston Corners.

The program, conducted by John Vaida, will feature "Gloria" by John Rutter and Handels "Messiah," Part I. Mark Laubach, music director of St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, and soloists Rachel Ackerman, Judy Curtis, Ellen Rutkowski, Gabriel Gargari and Jonathan Hayes will join the Chorale and Madrigal Singers in this free concert.

For more information, call 270-2190.

**MU Choral Society presents concert**

The Misericordia University Choral Society will perform the Christmas portion of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, in Walsh Auditorium on campus. The performance features the first section of "Messiah," which presents the prophecies and the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

A reception will follow the free concert. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Back Mountain Food Bank will be gratefully accepted at the door.

For more information about the concert or Choral Society, call 674-6739 or visit [www.misericordia.edu/choral\\_society](http://www.misericordia.edu/choral_society).

**Lock-In committee will meet on Dec. 6**

The Dallas High School 2008 Graduation Lock-In committee will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, in the high school library. New ideas and members are welcome.

DHS Grad Lock-In is an alcohol-free, drug-free, fully chaperoned, all-night party for members of the graduating class. The ninth annual lock-in will be held after graduation on June 13, 2008.

Seniors are reminded to submit pictures for the lock-in video as soon as possible. Senior pictures and a baby picture are requested. All pictures will be returned.

**MU provides musical program**

Misericordia University will present an evening with the University's wind, jazz, dance and chamber singing ensembles at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, in Walsh Auditorium. The program promises a variety of holiday favorites and inspiring music for the season featuring the talents of Misericordia students.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. John Curtis at 674-6418 or email him at [jcurtis@misericordia.edu](mailto:jcurtis@misericordia.edu).

**Seminary plans Open House**

Parents of students who will be entering preschool through high school next year and are interested in learning more about Wyoming Seminary are invited to experience Sem by attending an Open House at both Lower and Upper Schools from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, on Sem's Forty Fort and Kingston campuses. At Lower School, families may tour classrooms from preschool to eighth grade. The admissions staff and the deans of both primary and middle school will be available to answer any questions regarding curriculum, the admission process or the upcoming Middle-School Merit Exam on Feb. 2, 2008. The Upper School Open House will feature tours of the campus, opportunities to meet teachers and students and information on admission and financial aid. Visitors are invited to go to the Admission Office in the Stettler Learning Resource Center on North Sprague Avenue to begin their tours and receive information.

**December concert planned at Seminary**

The Wyoming Seminary/PAI Civic Symphony, conducted by Jerome Campbell, will present its annual December concert at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Avenue, just north of Kingston Corners, and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Houlihan-McLean Center, University of Scranton.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2190.

**Friends remember Rita Masley**

Friends, family members and former co-workers of the late Rita Masley worked hard to keep alive the memory of the beloved Dallas Elementary School secretary who died of lung cancer earlier this year.

Their hard work paid off recently when "Rita's Reading Corner" officially opened.

Located in the Dallas Elementary School Library, the reading corner is filled with approximately 1,000 books that have been donated in Masley's memory by friends, family, faculty, staff, students and parents. Each book has a dedication plate which has the name of the person or group who donated the book.

Carolyn Cooper, a fourth grade teacher at the Dallas Elementary School, was the coordinator of the project. Mrs. Brenda Burkhardt, also a fourth grade teacher at the school, took contributions of everyone's favorite memories of Masley and composed a poem that was read at the dedication ceremony.

Through monetary donations, the group was also able to purchase a padded bench for the students to sit on and a large wooden bookshelf to hold all the donated books. The Dallas Elementary PTO purchased a gliding rocking chair for the corner.



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John Masley and Joan Makowski look over some pictures of Rita Masley during the dedication of a reading corner at the school. Masley was a secretary at the Dallas Elementary School from 1993 until her death earlier this year.



John Masley, widower of Rita Masley, holds his great-nephew, Nathan Thomas, and sits in Rita's Reading Corner dedicated to his wife. Rita Masley was a secretary at the Dallas Elementary School until her death earlier this year.

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